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Amendments to the Claims:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A dispensing device for a bag containing an alcohol beverage, the dispensing device comprising:

a hollow elongated member adapted to extend into the bag, the hollow ~~elongate~~ elongated member has an end portion having at least one opening for receiving the beverage at a first temperature during a dispense cycle,

the hollow elongated member further including at least one lateral aperture therein spaced apart from the opening in the end portion to receive the beverage into the hollow elongated member during the dispense cycle, characterized in that said at least one lateral aperture is provided for receiving a beverage at a second temperature being higher than the first temperature, the beverage entering the opening is mixed with the beverage entering through the at least one lateral aperture, and

an interface base plate extending between the end portion and the bag to isolate the bag from the end portion.

2. (Previously Amended) The device of Claim 1, wherein the hollow elongated member has a plurality of such lateral apertures, the size and shape of which are proportional to the size of the opening of the member to provide a desired mixture of the beverage in the member prior to dispensing.

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3. (Previously Amended) The device of Claim 2, wherein said plurality of said lateral apertures are laterally spaced about the hollow elongated member.

4. (Previously Amended) The device of Claim 1, wherein more than one plurality of said lateral apertures are spaced along the hollow elongated member.

5. (Previously Amended) The device of Claim 1, wherein the at least one opening comprises a plurality of laterally spaced apart notches providing openings in the end portion through which the beverage passes into and out from the hollow elongated member and respectively out from and into the bag.

6. (Previously Amended) The device of Claim 1, wherein the hollow elongated member comprises a tube.

7 - 14 (Canceled)

15. (Previously Amended) The device of Claim 5, wherein the notches form crenellated openings.

16 - 18 (Canceled)

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19. (Currently Amended) The device of Claim ~~18~~ 1, wherein the end portion has interval side ~~walls portion~~ wall portions between adjacent notches, and the base plate is attached to the side wall portions to close the end portion of the hollow elongated member.

20. (Currently Amended) The device of Claim ~~18~~ 1, wherein the base plate forms part of the bag.

21. (Previously Presented) The device of Claim 20, wherein the end portion has a bell bottom shaped wall.

22. (Canceled)

23. (Previously Presented) An alcohol beverage dispensing apparatus comprising:
a keg having top and bottom portions;
a bag contained within the keg for containing an alcohol beverage; and,
a dispensing device according to Claim 1.

24 - 32 (Canceled)